IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | |
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| Bernd KRAUSE et al. |)) Group Art Unit: 1797 |
| Application No.: 10/532,131 |)) Examiner: Krishnan S. MENON) |
| Filed: December 22, 2005 |) Confirmation No.: 5917 |
| For: MEMBRANE AND USE THEREOF |) } |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2009, the period for response having been extended through July 2, 2009 by a request for extension of three (3) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Reply.